GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEARANCE TO SMALL DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Union Government to set up a separate Regional Office at Nagpur or Mumbai to expedite clearance to small developmental projects involving forest land below 20 hectares ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(c) whether the Union Government is considering a proposal to shift the Bhopal Regional Office to some other place ;

(d) if so, the detasils thereof ; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) ; The Central Government is sensitive to the needs of clearing development projects in Maharashtra on priority basis but is unable to create a separate Regional Office at Nagpur or Chandrapur because of the policy of the Central Government of not creating any new post. However, Regional Chief Conservator of Forests(C), Bhopal has been directed to dedicate adequate time for disposing off the cases of development projects in Maharashtra.